different cutting centres in the world. There is no evidence to suggest that the increase was discriminatory against the Indian Diamond Cutting Industry and is likely to adversely affect Indian Industry. Both, imports of rough diamonds and exports of cut and polished diamonds from India have registered increases during April—June, 1989 as compared to corresponding figures for the previous year.

Activities of the present Chairman of The Hindustan Diamond Company Limited Bombay

1096. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mr. S. C. Jhaveri, a former Chairman of the Gem & Jewellary Export Promotion Council informed the Council Members through circulars that Shri S. N. Sharma, the present Chairman of The Hindustan Diamond Company Limited, Bombay was conveying secret trade information to De Beers's subsidiaries to the detriment of Indian business; and

(b) if so, what steps were taken by Government to prevent such activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) The Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council has reported that no circular as described was issued.

(b) Does not arise.

World Bank assistance for the Kansabati Irrigation Project

1097. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether West Bengal Government has sought Centre's permission to secure World Bank assistance for the Kansabati Irrigation Project and to start the work on the Project during the Eighth Five Year Plan period; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) and (b) The Government of West Bengal have sent a proposal for World Bank assistance for the Kangasbati Modernisation Project. The Ministry has included this project for consideration of World Bank assistance and advised the West Bengal Government to prepare an identification report, for facilitating such assistance.

Decline in the inflow of water into Hooghly River

1098. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inflow of water into the Hooghly river during the dry months has been declining fast during the last few years causing disastrous effect on the Calcutta Port, on other inland water transport and on the economic health of the riparian settlements and towns on both sides, of the Hooghly river;

(b) whether the Central Government have made any study in this regard; and

(c) if so, what steps the Central Government have taken or propose to take to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Does not arise